

The Ethos behind the list is purely good drinking. We have compiled the list particularly to fit our Bistro that is to show unusual wines from unusual places and the diversity of the appellations, areas and the individuality of each producer. The growers and producers are small, producing limited quantities of the finest examples, some organic, some biodynamic, but all with integrity.

In Champagne, Armagnac, Cognac, and Calvados we have chosen artisan, small family names locally renowned, but otherwise not able to produce the volumes required to market, please be assured whilst value is paramount nothing has been purchased price consciously as nothing has been made with that in mind, what is in the bottle is more important than the label.

Champagne

I drink it when I'm happy and when I'm sad. Sometimes I drink it when I'm alone. When I have company I consider it obligatory. I trifle with it if I'm not hungry and I drink it when I am. Otherwise I never touch it, unless I'm thirsty.
Lily Bollinger –

'Remember gentlemen, its not just France we are fighting for, it's Champagne!' Winston Churchill

Gallimard Pere et Fils - House Choice

Didier Gallimard owns 10 hectares of prime vineyards on the slopes around Les Ricey in the southern Aube The vines average 25 years old and the vineyards which are of chalk and limestone are planted to 100% Pinot Noir. His wines are full, rich and offer enticing aromas and flavours, well balanced, the mousse is fine and long lasting.

Gallimard Cuvee Reserve Brut 33.95

Veuve Clicquot

Brut Yellow Label 55.00
Dominated by Pinot Noir, a touch of Pinot Meunier and nearly a third Chardonnay. Fine structure and perfect balance.

Rose NV 60.00
In line with the style of the Veuve Clicquot House, elegant and generous nose with aromas of fresh red fruits. Wonderful as an aperitif or romantic celebration.

Vintage Rose 2002 65.00
Deeply coloured with a complex refined fragrance mingling red fruit with very noble developing notes. Great structure and a remarkably long finish.

Laurent Perrier

Cuvee Rose Brut NV 79.00
One of the stars of the Laurent Perrier range. A melange of flavours consisting of fresh strawberries and wild cherries. The benchmark for Rose Champagnes around the world

Dom Perignon Vintage 2000 95.00
Only an outstanding harvest is worthy of Dom Perignon Vintage Champagne, the exclusive product of a single year. Intense, sophisticated sensuality and a creamy flow from the first sensation that seems to go forever.

Prosecco

'Ideal companion on an afternoon spent amidst the hills of Valdobbiadene waiting for a clear and warm spring sunset.'
Anon.

Prosecco in its sparkling wine version produces a gentle perfume of wild apples and flowers. The dry and slightly aciduos taste help to perceive the light soul of this wine that can satisfy even the most demanding of palates. The Rose is a fun blend of 55% prosecco and 45% rabosa creating an intense bouquet of cherry fruit.

Frassinelli Prosecco DOC Extra dry 21.50

Botter Prosecco Rabosa (Rose) 21.50

WHITES

France

1	Le Lesc, Vin de Pays du Gers 2009 – Gascony <i>Light, fruity, refreshing blend of Ugni Blanc and Colombard</i>	14.00
5	Picpoul de Pinet, Chateau de la Mirande 2008 – Languedoc <i>The sea, the sea! Spicy aniseed bouquet, green fruits and herbs, is quite resinous with an ample mouthfeel and briny-savoury flavours of iodine, yellow plum finishing with a peppery prickle.</i>	18.95
8	Muscadet de Sèvre et Maine, Tire sur Lie, Domaine des hauts Pemions 2008 – Loire <i>Vibrant, mineral, crunchy this “salty” old vines Muscadet is perfect with shellfish, preferably oysters!</i>	19.50
12	Pinot Blanc/Pinot Domain Mittnacht Freres, Auxerrois 2008 - Alsace (Biodynamic) <i>A modern biodynamic wine, dry but also quite wonderful expressions of pure fruit.</i>	19.50
14	Petit Bourgeois, Henri Bourgeois 2008 - Loire <i>Sancerre by any other name but misses appellation status by a gnats whisker. Concentrated Sauvignon Blanc with all the floral, herbaceous notes with steely reserve.</i>	22.00
15	Cherveryny, Domain du Salvard 2008 – Loire <i>Made from 90% Sauvignon and 10% Chardonnay this is a junior Sancerre with intense gooseberry Crispness. The creaminess of the chardonnay fills out the palate providing weight and structure</i>	22.00
19	Bergerie de l'Hortus Blanc, VDP Val de Montferrand 2007 – Languedoc <i>Modern blend of Roussanne, Viognier (two Rhone varieties) with Chardonnay Really aromatic, subtle and complex</i>	23.95
20	Saint-Veran, Domaine Michel Chavet 2007 – Burgundy <i>Crystallised fruits and floral aromas leading to a lovely elegant Burgundy with nuances of flint</i>	25.50
22	Quincy Tradition, Domaine Mardon – Loire <i>Intense Sauvignon nose combining asparagus with notes of flowering currants. Great with seafood</i>	23.95
23	Domaine Champalou, Vouvray 2006 – Loire <i>Restrained style of Vouvray exhibiting apple, almond and dry honey</i>	24.50
26	Domaine Ostertag, Sylvaner Vieilles Vignes, (Biodynamic) 2007 - Alsace <i>One of the worlds great wine makers, Andre has made a thoroughbred from a carthorse. Fine elegant Smokey and minerally luscious rounded and complete</i>	24.50
27	Domaine Colette Gros, Chablis, 2007 – Burgundy <i>Emerald-tinted Chablis steely with perhaps just a delicate hint of violets and mint. Well balanced with lively acidity.</i>	26.95
29	Domaine Bruno Sorg, Muscat –Alsace <i>Perhaps the finest Muscat in Alsace As if you have bitten into a bunch of fresh rosy grapes, aromatic orange flower water and roses.</i>	26.95
33	Domaine Henri Bourgeois, Sancerre La Vigne Blanche, 2008 – Loire <i>From the clay and limestone chalk hills of Chavignol a tender Sancerre with ripe currant fruit. Classically paired with goat's cheese</i>	29.00

36	Clos Culombu, Vin de Corse 2006 – Corsica <i>Delicious white wine from Vermentinu, a sunny cocktail of verbena, wild herbs, apricot and vanilla</i>	28.00
37	Viognier, Domaine Yves Cuilleron 2006 – Rhone <i>Junior Condrieu – beautifully expressive of the Viognier grape</i>	28.00
38	Les Roc Des Anges Vieilles Vignes 2006 - Vin De Pays Des Pyrenees <i>Old Grenache Gris and Macabeu fermented in foudres, a nose of white and yellow flowers, the fruit is particularly delicate, and the finish is persistent.</i>	28.00
39	Chablis 1 ^{er} cru Montmain, Domaine Denis Race 2007 – Burgundy <i>Green-gold Chablis with perfectly delineated fruit. Very long and mineral with a hint of honey</i>	30.00
40	Pouilly-Vinzelles, Bret Brothers 2006 – Burgundy <i>Highly regarded domaine making quality Pouilly. Vanilla-tinged with aromas ranging from pear to quince as well as spicy and floral notes</i>	32.00
44	Saumur Blanc, Domaine du Collier 2004 – Loire(Organic) <i>Brilliant yellow old vines organic Chenin with an expansive nose, pure and noble with a fine minerality. Round and ample in the mouth the flavours of quince and apricot fan out in all directions relayed by lively acidity.</i>	35.00
45	Meursault Cuvee Charles Maxime, Latour-Giraud 2006 – Burgundy <i>Toasty aromas and a rich palate evoking dried fruits, apricots, honey and menthol</i>	40.00
46	Mas de Daumas Gassac Blanc, Herault 2006 – Languedoc(Organic) <i>Legendary blend of 18 (mainly) Mediterranean varieties featuring Viognier, Chardonnay, Manseng and Chenin</i>	40.00
47	Condrieu Les Grandes Chaillées, Domaine du Monteillet 2006 – Rhone <i>Rich, powerful exotic Viognier from one of the leading growers in the appellation. Honeysuckle, spiced peach even melon</i>	45.95
48	Puligny-Montrachet 'Les Levrons' Chateau Genot- Boulanger 2006 – Burgundy <i>This is a beautifully restrained Puligny, supple and elegant, smoked figs and honey overlaying crisp citrus fruit with long finish.</i>	58.00

Spain/Portugal

11	Vinho Verde, Quinta da Sanjoanne 2008 – Portugal <i>Impressive dry very mineral Vinho Verde from Galician blend of Avesso and Loureira.</i>	18.95
28	Albarino Abadia de San Campio, Rias Baixas 2008 – Spain <i>Joyous zesty, citrus-edged white from Galicia which will wash down shellfish or crustacean</i>	26.50

Austria/Germany

16	Gruner Veltliner Q Petra Unger, Kremstal 2006 - Austria <i>A light and refreshing introduction to this grape more David Niven than Errol Flynn</i>	21.95
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| 2 | Vini Del Sole, Inzolia 2008 - Sicily
<i>Inzolia grape – crisp citrus fruit, tongue-tingling acidity – lovely with seafood</i> | 14.95 |
| 10 | Pinot Grigio, Blason Friuli Isonzo 2008 - Italy
<i>Giovannis PG is quite exceptional and is, all too rarely in these times, an authentic example of this grape. Great with Calamari or prawns and also delicious on its own.</i> | 19.50 |
| 13 | Falanghina Rami, Di Majo Norante 2008 – Molise
<i>Delicious Med white from rarely-seen Falanghina grape. Floral with lime zest, steely undertow. Try it!</i> | 21.50 |
| 17 | Sylvaner, Cantina Valle Isarco 2006 – Alto-Adige
<i>Bone-dry white from the beautiful Dolomites: like fresh cut apple with a whiff of grassiness and terrific persistence on the palate</i> | 24.50 |
| 18 | Soave Superiore, Tamellini 2008 – Veneto
<i>Very superior Soave with layers of white stone fruit, fresh, pineapple and hazelnut underpinned by good minerality</i> | 24.75 |
| 24 | Gavi Castellari Bergaglio 2008 – Italy
<i>Crisp Gavi from the Cortese grape with flavours redolent of apples, toasted almond and sage</i> | 23.95 |

Americas

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| 3 | Casa Azul Sauvignon Blanc 2009 - Chile
<i>Fresh light youthful taste with gentle acidic overtones, shouts ‘goosy grassberries’ and leaves the mouth refreshed</i> | 15.45 |
| 43 | Au bon Climat, Chardonnay 2006 - Santa Barbara California
<i>Rich yet restrained and fulsome yet minerally. Jim Clendenen's chardonnay enjoys the best of the Santa Barbara and Burgundian world.</i> | 29.50 |

South Africa

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| 4 | Good Hope Chenin, Stellenbosch
<i>Brilliant Chenin, honeyed apples and cinnamon. Long finish</i> | 15.95 |
| 25 | Klein Chardonnay 2006 – Klein Constantia
<i>Pale gold with aromas of orange blossom. Subtle oak flavours mingled with clove and woodspice.</i> | 23.50 |
| 32 | Black Rock – Chardonnay, Chenin, Viognier 2006 - Swartland
<i>A full flavoured yet subtly intriguing blend. White flowers on the nose, vanilla and apricot.</i> | 25.50 |

Australia/New Zealand

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| 30 | Mortsblock Riesling killikanoon 2008 – Clare Australia
<i>45 year old vines, and hand picked grapes, is the type of care required. Ripe, limey with a good smack in the neck</i> | 25.60 |
| 34 | 2007 Wild Rock Sauvignon Blanc, -Marlborough
<i>Fresh and zesty citrus paired with herbal notes, grass clippings and of course juicy gooseberries</i> | 21.50 |

REDS

France

55	Domaine des Moulines Merlot 2007 – Languedoc <i>Unfiltered plummy Merlot from the heart of southern France. Meaty flavours with a dash of herbs</i>	16.00
59	Chateau La Bastide Corbieres Rouge 2007 – Languedoc <i>A wonderful mouthful of extraordinary value, concentrated dark syrah, grenache and a little animal old vine carignan</i>	17.65
62	Domaine Baptiste Boutes Minervois 2006 - Languedoc <i>Supple version of the above Corbieres, medium to full bodied gentle giant</i>	18.75
64	Chateau Tour des Gendres 'Le Classique' Rouge 2007 - Bergerac <i>Expansive, warm nose of wild strawberries and myrtle with smoked notes and spice. Supple in the mouth with thick juicy fruit, a velvety Merlot in every respect</i>	19.50
67	Cotes du Rhone Domaine Corne Loup 2008 – Rhone <i>Fruity, well-structured, warm peppery Rhone. There is a lovely softness and supple feel to the fruit. Flavours of orange, strawberry and ripe plum.</i>	19.50
69	Saint Chinian Cuvee Classique Domaine des Jougla 2006 – SW France <i>The family have been here since 1595 her kitchen might not yet be ready, but the cellar is modern and immaculate. This house is in order. Syrah, mouvedre, granache a little old vine carignan and cinsault</i>	21.50
72	Bergerie de l'Hortus Rouge, Pic Saint Loup 2007 – Languedoc <i>Beautiful silky blend of Mourvèdre and Syrah with enchanting floral fruit</i>	22.95
73	Coteaux Du Languedoc La cote 2006 – Languedoc <i>Further South, same grapes as above ,and a berserk pituitary gland</i>	22.95
76	Saumur-Champigny, Chateau de Villeneuve 2007 - Loire <i>This elegant Cab Franc exhibits lively aromas of irises, violets and stewed fruits, a balanced and ripe palate, harmonious and full and a smoky finish with subtle tannins.</i>	24.35
80	Chateau Des Francs Cotes Des Francs 2006 – Bordeaux <i>Harmonious, fleshy wine, with vanilla aromas coming from the oak, mingling well with jammy red berry fruit notes</i>	25.80
82	Pinot Noir, Domaine Bruno Sorg 2008 – Alsace <i>Whilst Burgundy may produce regal finesse, here we have charm. Pale garnet touched strawberry Light and airy, flowery smooth and almost sweet. Can also be served chilled.</i>	25.95
86	Rasteau-Villages, Domaine La Soumade 2007 - Rhone <i>A delicious wine with an expansive nose of roasted currants, warm meat and fresh coffee beans with a good slew of spice and mineral. Develops in the glass to reveal fruits macerated in port, the mouth is enhanced and filled with flavours of plums and tobacco and the finish is warm and peppery</i>	28.95
87	Fleurie, Domaine du Calvaire de Roche-Gres 2008 – Beaujolais <i>Rich ruby wine with violet tints, delightfully floral aromas (wild roses), ripe red cherries on the palate and a silky finish.</i>	27.95
88	Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Vincent Dureuil-Janthial 2006 – Burgundy <i>Lively limpid Pinot Noir from southern Burgundy: bright cherry-stone fruit, hint of sweet menthol</i>	27.95

89	"Les Candives" Yves Cuilleron 2007 - Rhone <i>Those of the Rhone weep for this is my humble vin de pays syrah. Thanks Yves, lucky to get it for the money</i>	28.50
95	Gigondas Fontavin 2007 – Rhone <i>From the southern Rhone valley this Gigondas produces a smooth mouth filling Grenache with a long sweet damson & violet concentration, and mixed spice finish</i>	31.50
96	Mercurey vieilles vignes, Domaine Francois Raquillet 2007 – Burgundy <i>A southern Burgundy of great finesse; supple cherry fruit underpinned by firm minerality</i>	31.50
99	Chateauneuf-du-Pape Les Olivets, Domaine Roger Sabon 2006 - Rhone <i>Smoky roasted meat character, black cherries and kirsch, pepper, herbs (bayleaf, rosemary) glycerin fruit. Rich, deep and generous, with a compelling sweetness of fruit and a lush, pliant texture.</i>	38.00
102	Saint-Julien, Sarget de Gruaud-Larose 1997 – Bordeaux <i>The second wine of Gruaud-Larose revealing mature cedarwood and earthy plummy flavours</i>	47.00
103	Margaux, Chateau Siran 2000 - Bordeaux <i>Round, ripe, red berry and blackcurrant fruit-filled nose. The palate is pure and sweet, with plenty of black fruit</i>	55.00
105	Nuits St Georges, Domaine Michel Gros 2005 – Burgundy <i>Sumptuous Burgundy revealing a wealth of strawberries, liquorice and vanilla</i>	55.00
107	Vosne-Romanée 1er cru Les Suchots, Confuron-Cotetidot 2004 – Burgundy <i>Silky, creamy, savoury, gamey, plums and prunes. Vosne-Romanee mixes finesse with power.</i>	67.00

Italy

70	Chianti Dei Colli Senesi 2006 – Tuscany <i>Made from Sangiovese and Canaiolo Toscano grapes with a medium period of maceration this chianti is a little better. Lovely meaty style of wine with flavours of spicy ripe cherries, roasted herbs, leather and liquorice.</i>	23.50
74	Morellino di Scansano Bellamarsilia, Argentiera 2007 – Tuscany <i>Appealingly savoury Sangiovese yielding flavours of morello cherry, black plum and cooked herbs</i>	22.65
77	Rosso di Montepulciano, Canneto 2008 – Tuscany <i>Rustic gamey wine with pronounced flavours of bitter black cherries and damsons, secondary notes of tar and tobacco. (Sangiovese)</i>	21.60
79	Cannonau di Sardegna Sa Mola, Loi 2006 – Sardinia <i>Intense, slightly ethereal, rich, fragrant, floral bouquet reminiscent of mature plums, blackberries wild berries and old rose and suggestions of aromatic wood and spices.</i>	24.90
85	Dolcetto d'Alba Serraboella, Cigliutti 2007 – Piedmont <i>Dolcetto with a real bite – bitter raspberry flavours, lovely savoury tannins. Perfect with smoked meats</i>	26.75
92	Rosso Canero, Fattoria Le Terrazze 2003 – Marches <i>Fresh and fruity montepulciano with 15% sangiovese backbone</i>	27.50
100	Chianti Classico Le Trame, Podere Le Boncie 2005 – Tuscany <i>A Chianti Classico notable for purity and grace from an organically farmed vineyard.</i>	38.00
109	Barolo Riserva, Giacomo Borgogno 1990 – Piedmont <i>Ruby red Barolo displaying aromas of cherries, raspberries and fruitcake. As it opens in the glass more subtle scents of dried mushrooms and tea are revealed The palate is vibrant and spicy with pruned fruit and fine, integrated tannins</i>	88.00

Spain

- 58 Rioja Tinto, Bodegas Navajas 2008 17.95
Lightly oaked style with damson fruit and vanilla finish
- 78 Rioja Crianza, Bodegas Urbina 2004 24.75
Ruby colour with garnet hues, intense, mellow ripe strawberry, vanilla nose. Well-balanced, strawberry, nutty flavours on palate with splash of cream and spice, a firm taste, good structure and long last aftertaste

America

- 56 Osaado Shiraz Cabernet 2008– San Juan, Argentina 14.95
Crammed with plummy fruits, sweet cherries and pepper
- 61 Carmenere El Grano, 2008 - Rapel Valley Chile 17.25
Fresh and savoury, bitter plum, chocolate and pepper
- 66 Postales Malbec 2009 - Argentina 18.50
The signature grape from Argentina, made by the best wine makers in Mendoza. Pair this robust, dark cherry laced wine with a juicy steak
- 84 Cline Zinfandel 2006 – California 25.95
Black cherry and raspberry with overtones of spice and vanilla. A soft velvety wine, smoothly seductive.
- 101 Juvenile Zinfandel, Turley Cellars, (Biodynamic) 2004 - Napa Valley California 40.00
If Punk then Ian Dury, menacing yet educated, you can truly chew this un-fined unfiltered bad boy, Bing cherries, vanilla, liquorice, pick an adjective its in there under the alcohol.
- 106 Ciel De Cheval, Andrew Will, 2004 - Washington State 58.00
A Merlot even the chumps in the Sideways film would have to stay for, probably because of the cabernet franc The wine is made on Vashon island, from grapes harvested across the Cascades in Eastern Washington

Australia/NewZealand

- 65 Copeland Estate Cabernet Shiraz 2009 – SE Australia 15.60
A good thump of cherry jam fruit with a rip of cocoa and pepper
- 81 Framingham Pinot Noir 2008 – New Zealand 25.60
If the classical burgundy style is about understatement then this is close to the real thing. The bouquet is quietly floral, pure flowers and cherries, the palate savoury with a hint of game.
- 83 Killermans Run Shiraz, Kevin Mitchell, 2006 – Clare Valley Australia 25.50
Well-structured new world shiraz. Soft, rich, with warming sweet mid palate, velvety tannins to round off
- 98 Kilikanoon Covenant Shiraz 2004 – Clare Valley Australia 39.95
The sweet bouquet of licorice, blackberry liquor, new saddle leather, spice box and white pepper Is followed by superb concentration, admirable acidity and a long finish

South Africa

57	Good Hope Shiraz 2007 – Stellenbosch <i>Plenty of natural ripeness here, blue and black berry fruit, refreshing acidity and a lick of spice</i>	16.75
60	KC Cabernet Merlot 2007 - Klein Constantia <i>Classic blend of cabernet and merlot producing rich Bordeaux style of a 'second growth' at a fraction of the price</i>	23.50
90	Black Rock Shiraz-Carignan-Grenache, 2006 -Swartland <i>Massively rich yet beautifully balanced wine which is more than the sum of its parts. Lavender on the nose reinforced by notes of blueberry and mint, clean finish</i>	25.50
93	Cape Haven Pinotage 2007 – Swartland <i>Complex flavours of ripe fruit and berries with a hint of oak and tar, soft round finish</i>	19.75

Rose

	Bergerie De La Bastide Rose 2008 – Languedoc <i>This wine illustrates amply that the Languedoc is where the mustard is being cut vis a vis bang for buck. Grenache / merlot/ Cabernet sauvignon based. Dry with a little spice.</i>	13.95
	Cipriano Pinot Grigio Rosato 2008 - Italy <i>Light crisp and delicate with Strawberry and cherry fruit flavours</i>	16.95
	Tavel Chateau d'Aqueria 2007 – Rhone <i>A medium bodied rose with a tempting floral and fruity nose that opens to show generous cherry red currant and raspberry fruits.</i>	17.25
	Sancerre Rose, Domaine Andre Dezat 2008 – Loire <i>Made from Pinot Noir, more orange than pink, delicate yet structured, a terrific food all-rounder</i>	25.95

Sweet

	Sauternes - Chateau De Sainte Helene 2002 (37.5cl) <i>Second wine of Chateau de Malle, more restrained style of Sauternes suggestive of white peaches with a hint of lemony acidity</i>	16.95
	Pacherenc du Vic Bilh -Alain Brumaire Nov 2005 (50cl) <i>November harvest, barrel fermented in new oak for one year, produces a concentrated honeyed mixed fruit With refreshing balanced acidity</i>	21.90
	Tokaji Aszu 5 Puttonyos – Hungary (50cl) <i>'Wine of Kings and King of Wines' – Louis XIV. A wonderful concentration of fruit, honey and caramel. Fairly full bodied but not heavy with fresh balancing acidity</i>	39.95
	Bonny Doon Framboise NV Santa Cruz (37.5cl) <i>Made from three raspberry varieties and fortified with grape juice. A delightful dessert wine from the fun loving folks at Bonny Doon</i>	16.95